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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):
- the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-13 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the claims:
 nos. 1-22 as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- the drawings:
 sheets _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- the description, pages _____
 - the claims, nos. _____
 - the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 - the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-22	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-22	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-22	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

This report is based on the following documents, which were cited in the search report:

D1: JEN, T. ET AL.: "Amidines. 5. Synthesis of Pyrrolo[2,3-b]isoquinoline, Imidazo[1,2-b]isoquinoline, Pyrrolo[2,1-b]quinazoline, and 1,3-Thiazino[2,3-b]quinazoline Derivatives and Related Heterocycles as Potential Antihypertensive Agents" JOURNAL OF MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY, vol. 16, no. 6, 1973, pages 633-637

D2: YADAV, J.S.; REDDY, B.V.S.: "Microwave-assisted rapid synthesis of the cytotoxic alkaloid luotonin A" TETRAHEDRON LETTERS, vol. 43, 2002, pages 1905-1907

D3: SPATH, E.; PLATZER, N.: "Über Derivate des Peganins und ihre Ring-Homologen" CHEMISCHE BERICHTE, 1935, pages 2221-2226

The present application pertains to a process for preparing 1,2,3,9-tetrahydropyrrolo[2,1-b]quinazoline (compound III) by reducing the keto precursor (I) obtained by reacting isatoic anhydride (II) with an

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excess of 2-pyrrolidone (claims 1-17, 22).

Further, the application pertains to a process whereby compound III is liberated in molten form from the salt as a free base.

Although D2 and D3 describe processes for reacting 2-pyrrolidone with compound II, said processes always involve the use of equimolar amounts of the two constituents. D1 describes a process (schema III) for preparing compound III using *o*-aminobenzylamines and gamma-butyrolactone. Therefore, the novelty (PCT Article 33(2)) of claims 1-22 should be acknowledged.

The description contains experimental data which show the use of a molar excess of 2-pyrrolidone to be advantageous, in particular with respect to achievable yields (cf. example 1, 21% and example 2, 55%). Although this should be considered a logical consequence of equilibrium shift, the fact that compound I (pegenon) can be obtained without 2-pyrrolidone contamination in crystallized form must be considered surprising. The requirements of PCT Article 33(3) are met.